

DA Says CIA Hides Killer's Whereabouts

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The CIA is concealing the whereabouts of the actual assassins of President John F. Kennedy, Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison said Tuesday.

Garrison told The Associated Press in an interview his investigation shows that President Kennedy was killed by a group of anti-Castro adventurers who formerly worked for the Central Intelligence Agency.

"It's quite obvious that the CIA knew who they were," Garrison said, "because they had previously been CIA employees."

He said Lee Harvey Oswald, the man named by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin, was not the one who killed Kennedy.

"There is no question at all about the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald did not fire a shot there," said Garrison.

'FIRED FROM FRONT'

"The President was killed by a fatal bullet that was fired from the front. That was not the only time he was hit from the front. There was a crossfire situation set up, which involved at least two pairs of men in the front, apparently two men behind the stone wall and two behind the picket fence, which is a little bit in back of the stone wall.

"The role of the second man in each case was to pick up the actual cartridges, taken on the bounce so to speak, so that the cartridges could be disposed of as quickly as the guns, which were apparently tossed in the back of cars. There were cars parked immediately behind.

"In addition to those men in front, they had at least one man in the back who was shooting, although it is becoming increasingly apparent that he was not shooting from the sixth floor of the book depository.

PARTICIPANT LOCATED

"We have located one other

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person who was involved in the operation. He was one of the adventurers who was involved in the anti-Castro activities, who was not using a gun but who was engaged in a row in Dealey Plaza in order to aid those who had guns.

"You had in effect a group of men operating as a guerrilla team. It was a precision operation and was carried out

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very coolly and with a lot of coordination.

It appears they used frangible bullets," Garrison continued. "They are forbidden by the Geneva Treaty, but are the kind of bullets that are quite often used — or would be used — for an assassination project by intelligence forces or forces employed by an intelligence agency, because there is assurance even beforehand that there will be no bullets, no slugs remaining, with any of the landmarks of the guns to help authorities identify the guns. Frangible bullets explode into little pieces."

NOT CIA PLAN, BELIEF

The district attorney said he did not believe the CIA planned the Kennedy murder, or knew of it beforehand. But he said the CIA is making every effort to prevent his office from trailing the assassins.

"But as far as the individuals participating, they were not, in our regard, CIA men as of the day of the assassination," Garrison added.

Garrison said the Central Intelligence Agency could slow down, but not stop, his investigation. He added, "The CIA is a major menace to the democracy I thought we lived in. . . . It is exactly analogous to a totalitarian empire."

Although he described the assassins as "Cuban adventurers," Garrison said all were not necessarily Cuban in nationality. He called it "purely co-incidental" that several of the people implicated in his investigation are alleged homosexuals.

MAJOR THEME

"The major theme of the case — and I can say this knowing there's no shadow of a doubt about it," said Garrison, "is the Cuban adventure, and the reactions of men involved in the Cuban adventure; the detente which President Kennedy announced and formulated in the early fall of 1962 and which he enforced in the most forceful terms in the late summer of 1963, thus arousing a venomous reaction from a number of individuals committed to an adventure in Cuba."

Speaking of arrests in his probe, Garrison said, "We could make another right now, or in the very near future, but we will delay it as long as possible."